

REMARKS

This divisional application is being filed to pursue claims 30-51 that were not elected when a PTO restriction requirement was imposed in the parent application and to pursue amended claims 1 to 5 and 52 to 59.

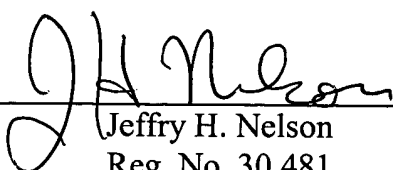
All claims have been amended to recite that a distal end of the claimed catheter is positioned beyond the venous flappers in the vein of the patient. This feature was held to be patentable by the PTO in the Notice of Allowance issued for the parent application.

The amendments to the specification and drawings are the same as were made by applicants and accepted by the PTO in the parent application, with the exception of adding the reference in the specification to the parent application.

All claims are in good condition for allowance. If any small matter remains outstanding, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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